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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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1. BELGIAN MINISTER MERENNE TOLD MISOFF FEB. 20 HE WAS VERY ANXIOUS THAT BRUSSELS NOT IMMEDIATELY MAKE KNEE-JERK NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO NEWS THAT UK HAD DECIDED NOT TO SEND EXPERT TO ROB GROUP. THEREFORE HE SUGGESTED IN CABLE HE HAS SENT TO BRUSSELS THAT MATTER OF BELGIAN PARTICIPATION BE TAKEN UP IN NATO COUNCIL IN VIEW OF DIVERGENCE OF UK/FRENCH AND US VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. IF SECRETARIAT QUERIES HIM AGAIN ABOUT BELGIAN PLANS, HE INTENDS TO SAY HE IS NOT CERTAIN BUT IS MORE PESSI-
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MISTIC NOW THAN BEFORE THAT BELGIUM WILL BE ABLE TO SEND

AN EXPERT.

2. SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US THAT UK NATIONAL FRANK BLACKABY WILL BE HIRED ON CONSULTANT BASIS (NOT ACTUALLY A MEMBER OF EXPERTS GROUP ITSELF) FOR ROB STUDY. HE PLAYED SIMILAR ROLE IN ESCAR STUDY.

3. ROB STUDY MAY COME UP AT WEO MEETING FEB 21 AM. UK MISSION IS CONCERTING WITH FRENCH NOT TO DISCLOSE AT THIS MEETING THEIR NEGATIVE INSTRUCTIONS SINCE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THEY WISH TO WAIT TILL THE US RESPONSE IS READY.
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